

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 297
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Allison Smith, 2005
Valedictorian of Gallatin High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Allison Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Smith has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Allison has earned an exemplary grade point average and has been a member of several organizations, including the Youth Council, the Math Team, the Student Council, and the Spanish Club, in which club she dedicated her talents to taking photographs and keeping the scrapbook; and

WHEREAS, her academic prowess has earned Allison Smith recognition from the National Honor Society and has enabled her to find success while competing in three Bible Bowls and one Math Contest; and

WHEREAS, showing a concern for her community that belies her age, Allison is a member of Tri-Hi-Y, a service organization associated with the YMCA, and has participated in two Fight Against Breast Cancer Walks; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful and devout individual, Ms. Smith, who is an active member of her church's youth group, has worked tirelessly to help those around her. She has assisted in

her church's clothing room; visited the elderly in nursing homes and hospitals; delivered food to elderly shut-ins; participated in Journeys, a weekly inner-city program; taught children's classes at the church; and participated in twelve mission trips; and

WHEREAS, Allison Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Allison's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Allison Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Gallatin High School Valedictorian, Allison Smith, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.